GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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EXHIBITION OF DOCUMENTARIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court vide its judgment dated July 15, 1999 directed the Government to ensure exhibition of documentaries of the Films Division by all the cinema halls in the country and over DD-I and DD-II;

(b) whether the Supreme Court also directed the payment of 1 percent of net collection as rentals from cinema houses to the Films Division; (

(c) if so, whether the Government have implemented the decision of the Supreme Court and are all the cinema houses in the country exhibiting documentaries of the Films Division now and are paying 1 percent rental charges to the Films Division;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)
(a) & (b) The Supreme Court in its judgment dated 15th July, 1999 upheld the appeal of the Films Division regarding
(i) compulsory exhibition of the approved films by all the cinema theatres all over the country; and
(ii) for payment of 1% of net collection of cinema theatres as rental to the Films Division for the supply of these films.
(c), (d) & (e) As Cinema is a State subject, the responsibility of enforcement of laws pertaining to compulsory exhibition of approved films vests with the State Governments. Films Division enters into an agreement/arrangement with cinema exhibition houses in the country for regular supply of approved films. Details of cinema houses exhibiting approved films as on 30.9.2000 are:

Total number of theatres under jurisdiction of various branches of Films Division	12,325
Total number of theatres collecting approved films and paying rental charges of 1%	10,268
Total number of theatres collecting approved films but not paying rental charges:	1,472
Number of theatres which have neither collected approved films for exhibition nor paid rental charges:	585

Concerted efforts are being made by the Films Division to implement the decision of the Hon`ble Supreme Court in entirety. Assistance and cooperation of the State Governments is also being sought in this regard.
The Films Division received Rs.6,56,50,743.00 towards rental from various cinema theatres during the current financial year i.e., from April, 2000 to October, 2000.